WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

⟨Sub α₁⟩1.   A device for supporting and positioning a neonate, the device comprising:

5   a conformable member; and

a plurality of support members coupled to the conformable member, each support member being moveable from a first position to a second position to facilitate the positioning of the neonate placed on the

10   conformable member.

2.   The device of Claim 1, wherein the positioning of the neonate is accomplished without direct physical contact between a caregiver and the

15   neonate.

3.   The device of Claim 1, further comprising a fastening means for coupling each of the support members to a portion of the conformable member.

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4.   The device of Claim 3, wherein the fastening means comprises a plurality of hollow sleeves, coupled to a portion of said conformable member, wherein each hollow sleeve has an open end to insertably receive one

25   of the plurality of support members.

5.   The device of Claim 1, wherein each of the support members is removably coupled to the conformable member.

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6.   The device of Claim 1, wherein the conformable member comprises a material having a density sufficient for cushioning the infant.

7.   The device of Claim 1, wherein the
conformable member comprises a structure taken from the
group consisting of a padded blanket and a padded
mattress.

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8.   The device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality
of support members comprises:
      a transverse support member coupled substantially
transversely along a head end of the conformable

10 member; and
      at least one lateral support member coupled
substantially laterally along a lateral edge of the
conformable member.

15   9.   The device of Claim 1, wherein the plurality
of support members comprises a pair of lateral support
members coupled substantially along opposing lateral
edges, the pair of support members defining a torso
area on the conformable member.

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10.   The device of Claim 1, wherein each of the
plurality of support members comprises a sealable
collapsible bag having a filler material.

25   11.   The device of Claim 10, wherein the filler
material is taken from the group consisting of
polystyrene beads, down feathers, resilient foam, air,
liquid, flaxseed and silicon gel.

30   12.   The device of Claim 1, wherein the support
members define a torso area on a portion of the
conformable member which provides support to the
neonate placed thereon in either a supine, a prone, and
a side-lying position.

13.   The device of Claim 1, wherein movement of at least one of the plurality of support members allows the position of the neonate to vary from a first
5   posture to a second posture.

14.   The device of Claim 13, wherein the first and the second postures comprise a supine, a prone, and a side-lying position.
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15.   A positioning device for positioning an infant, the device comprising:
      a substantially conforming member;
      at least two support members coupled to a portion
15   of said conforming member to define a torso area thereon, each of said support members being moveable from a first position to a second position, the infant being repositioned from a first posture to a second posture in response to the movement of at least one of
20   the support members.

16.   The device of Claim 15, wherein the repositioning of the infant is accomplished while avoiding human touch between the infant and a
25   caregiver.

17.   An infant positioning device comprising:
      means for moving an infant from a first position to a second position without the aid of human touch
30   applied to the infant.

18.   A method for repositioning an infant, the method comprising:

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positioning an infant on a positioner in a first posture; and

moving a support member between a first position and a second position to reposition the infant from the first posture to a second posture.

19.   The method of Claim 18, wherein said moving further comprises minimizing human touch between the infant and a caregiver.

20.   The method of Claim 18, wherein said moving comprises removing a support member from the positioner.

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